

St Nicholas Total Board of Education

Minutes

September 1, 2015

7:30pm

Attendants: Father Walter Stumpf, Ms. Morrin, Kathy Brennan, Chris Schmidt, Mark Vander Linden, Ed Krejcie, Kathy Brockman, Jeremy Kater, Bob Schommer, Mike VanderLoop, Leah VanHandel

Visitor: Vicky Verhasselt

Absent: N/A

Open Floor: N/A

Approval of Agenda: Mark Vander Linden makes the motion to approve the agenda. Bob Schommer seconds it. All in favor motion passes.

Valley Area Special Needs Presentation: Vicky Verhasselt is willing to continue attending the meetings and will report back to Chris Schmidt. The meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month 4 times per year. All meetings are held at Holy Spirit and classes are on Saturday mornings for people with special needs ranging from child to adult. Valley Area Special Needs is made up of 6 parishes which are St. Nicholas, St. Pauls, St. Katherine Drexel, St. Johns, Holy Spirit, and Holy Cross.

Approval of the Minutes: Bob Schommer makes the motion to approve the minutes. Ed Krejcie seconds it. All in favor motion passes.

Pastoral Comments:

1. October 6 Father Walter has clergy congress so he will be unable to attend the meeting and will reschedule executive session for November.
2. Father Walter has applied for the Monica Meyer Respect Life Grant. If we receive the grant it will supply us with teaching materials that include Images of our Lady of Guadalupe and the Divine Mercy of our Lord Jesus and fetal development models.
3. Parish Council Report-
 - a. December 8 begins Jubilee Year of Mercy
 - b. December 27 Bishop Ricken will send materials to dedicate families to the Holy Family
 - c. June; all families will receive information and materials to Consecrate their families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

4. Father Walter is working on filling the open maintenance position between St. Nicholas and St Edwards

Financial Report: Unavailable at this time but Courtney is meeting with someone from the diocese and will also be meeting with Chris Schmidt to discuss reports in the near future.

Administrative Reports:

1. New Evangelization-
 - a. Catechist positions for elementary classes have all been filled but they are still looking for support help.
 - b. Looking for 2 middle school catechists and 5 high school catechists
 - c. Registrations are continuing to come in and numbers are strong
 - d. Catechetical Certification Methods classes are being offered to all catechists
 - e. Confirmation meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, August 26 and Sunday, Sept 13. Both meetings are at 7pm in the parish hall.
 - f. Mission trip registration has begun. The trip is planned for June 12-18th
2. School-
 - a. We welcome new Spanish teacher Casey Wegener to St Nicholas and St Edward Schools. Casey will be teaching Spanish to 4K-8th grade 2 days per week at St Nicholas and one day per week at St Edwards.
 - b. Vicky Calaway is no longer with us due to low numbers in the 3K program.
 - c. Enrollment Update- 126 students to date
 - d. Even though enrollment is down we will build a great school year and use the positive energy to grow.

Committee reports: See Pastoral Comments

Old Business:

1. Youth Choir- We are looking to start a joint youth choir between school children and new evangelization children. Father Walter brought it to all the committee and council meetings after Bob Schommer brought the idea to the school board last month. This will be a parish project. We will be putting an ad in the bulletin to see if we can get a volunteer to lead this project.

New Business:

1. Capital Campaign- Mark Vander Linden reported that the open forums went really well and it was nice to see renderings of the overall project. People had good questions on overall layout and handicap accessibility. People were also wondering what the expectation of giving is. Packets are going out in phases and if you haven't received one yet and would really like one you can pick one up in the parish office.

Closing Prayer

Kathy Brockman makes the motion to adjourn the meeting. Leah VanHandel seconds it. All in favor motion passes. 8:15pm